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11 May 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Geography Division
THROUGH: Chief, Far East/Pacific Branch *YRW*
SUBJECT: Place-name Discrepancies in GM 61-3
(West New Guinea)

1. In general, discrepancies between text and map in GM 61-3 were the result of unusual "rush" conditions under which the paper was prepared. Faced with a distribution deadline of 20 April (to insure receipt of paper by White House Staff prior to President Sukarno's visit on 25-26 April), it was necessary to permit text and map to move through their respective processes independent of one another in the interest of speed.

It is asking the proximate cause of the publication's errors, it might be useful to review the final production stages in some detail.
← Edited text was carried by me to O/Ch/G about 1600 hours on

Monday, 10 April. At that time, I was asked if all names mentioned in *the* text would appear on *the* map *which was* then in GC/*C* for 35 or so corrections and changes which I had suggested a few days earlier); I replied that to the best of my knowledge, all names mentioned in text would appear on map...and so I thought at the time.

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The text was picked up from O/Ch/G about 0900 on Tuesday morning, *11 April* and a few last-minute changes were made to comply with [REDACTED] objections to certain place name usages. In addition, one or two sentences were revised to eliminate possibly misleading statements; one of these last-minute changes added the island of Gebe (para 4) to the text for the first time.

Tuesday morning
At about 1030, the edited map plates were made available to me

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I proceeded to check the text/map combination for the first time and noted that, in addition to P. Gebe (island of Gebe, para 4), Humboldt-baai (para 18) and Cycloops-gebergte (Cyclops Mts., para 27) were lacking on the map. Type for these names was not available at the moment and, in view of the great need to dispatch the material to Reproduction before 1500 that day and the marginal importance of these names to the content of the paper, I refrained from further comment. As it was, I had only 15-30 minutes for this final review before the material was turned over to GC/C for layout and subsequent dispatch to Reproduction.

2. With respect to the specific comments by O/Ch/G:

Para 2: South Moluccas and Para 24: Moluccas

Essentially political terms at this time, and I refrained from placing them on map to avoid confusion with island names in the area. Assumed reader familiarity with general location.

Paras 4, 19, 27: Radja Ampat Groep

Located in text; should have been on map.

Para 4: Gebe

Last-minute addition in text; would have been on map if time permitted.

Para 6, 16: Meervlakte Depression

Meervlakte is correct and embraces idea of depression;

"Depression" should not have been capitalized in text.

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Para 7: Arafura Sea

Located on both insets; would have been desirable on main map too.

Para 9: Bomberai Peninsula

Proper term is on map; in text, "Peninsula" should not have been capitalized and, instead, expressed as "the peninsula of Bomberai."

Para 18: Humboldt-baai

Should have been on Hollandia inset; no space on main map. Detected omission during final edit, but no time to amend.

Para 25: Biak

"Biak" is an administrative town comprising the several communities along the south coast of Biak Island; original text included this item, but it was deleted to save space.

Para 27: Cyclops Mountains

Proper term is Cycloops-gebergte, which should have been on map; noted omission during final edit, but no time to amend. Text should not have capitalized "Mountains."

3. To lessen chance of similar discrepancies arising in the future,

I suggest:

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- a. Standardization of place names. Either NIS-approved names should be used throughout paper or special arrangement should be approved whereby GM's use only English-language generic terms (as [REDACTED] has requested). At present, D/GC will not accept

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that we went into this
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consistency dictates use of these "awkward" terms in text.

- b. Provision should be made in production schedules for adequate allotment of ^{time} ~~time~~ for analyst's final check of map/text concordance to be followed by similar review by independent editor.
- c. In the event of last-minute changes in map, D/GC should be prepared to cooperate ^{with} ~~with~~ understanding, ~~and~~ a minimum of administrative upheaval, and with maximum speed.

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